

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

Yes.

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices?

Yes. Flagging would invade personal computer space, personal information, and personal decision-making. With the actual elimination of consumer-grade digital electronics, my ability would be eliminated...not just interfered with...

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

Yes. The flag would effectively eliminate the functionality of existing digital equipment. Most consumers aren't buying new "gadgets" every year...the flag would "kill" our abilityto enjoy this technology.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

Of course. If only the entertainment industry has "rights" related to digital signals, consumers won't have any incentive to upgrade or demand upgraded equipment....

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment?

The increased cost of owning, transmitting, or copying "flagged" digital signal would eliminate the access to this technology to the broadest mainstream of our public.

Other Comments:

Piracy of digital works is a serious problem and needs to be addressed. At the same time, a focus on copy protection alone can overlook the public's interest in the future direction of technology and the many legal uses law-abiding consumers have found for new digital content.